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#### ABSTRACT

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A series of Basic Assembler Language subroutines were developed and made available to the FORTRAN IV language processor which makes list processing possible in a flexible and easily understood way.

The subroutines will create and maintain list structures in the computer's core storage. The subroutines are sufficiently general to permit FORTRAN programmers to tailor list processing routines to their own individual requirements. List structure sizes are limited only by the amount of core storage available.

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#### INTRODUCTION

The modern high speed digital computer, in its most general application, can be thought of as a symbol manipulator. However, it is most often used to process numerical data because most widely used programming languages available for the digital computer are designed for numerical calculations for either scientific or business oriented data. When problems arise that require the symbol manipulation capability of the computer, one must transform the problem to operations on numerical data or learn a new programming language designed specifically for symbol manipulation problems.

Several list processing and string processing languages are in existence that are used to program symbol manipulation problems. Most of these existing languages have restrictions and predefined conventions that make them difficult to use by anyone other than a professional programmer. In addition, most of them cannot be used as subroutines to the FORTRAN (FORmula TRANslation) language; that is, they are independent language translators which in turn implies that the programmer must rely entirely on the instruction set afforded by one and only one of these languages.

This thesis contains the documentation and assembly listings for seven subroutines written in Basic Assembler Language for the IBM/360 computer. It is the purpose of

this project to add list processing capabilities to a widely known programming language, namely FORTRAN, in a more flexible and general way than has been done heretofore, The size of the data list is limited only by available core storage. The size of each field within a node is limited to 256 bytes. These subroutines may be used on any IBM S/360 computer that uses the FORTRAN IV language processor.

It is assumed that any potential user of these subroutines has a working knowledge of the FORTRAN language and is familiar with the concept of list processing.

KNOWN LIST AND STRING PROCESSING LANGUAGES:

THEIR CAPABILITIES AND RESTRICTIONS

Many tasks exist which can be performed on a digital computer without knowing specific values of the many variables involved. Getting the computer to perform these tasks can create a communications problem that reaches beyond the capabilities of formal computer language translators (1).

The subroutines developed in this thesis will ease the above mentioned communications problem considerably.

A list may be defined as a group of logically associated items whose sequence, relative to each other, contributes to the meaning of the group. A page taken from a book is an example of a list, where each sentence on that page may be considered an item. Clearly the sequence of this group of sentences is important. List processing is the ability to create, change the sequence of, add to, delete from, and retrieve information from a list or lists. A string may be defined as a variable length sequence of characters and may be considered as one type of list (5). The above example of a group of sentences, or a written page, may be called a string. String processing consists of searching for patterns and transforming them into other patterns, and making insertions and deletions in the string itself.

In order to process or manipulate symbolic data, many list processing and string processing languages have been developed, the oldest of these being the IPL family culminating in IPL-V.

IPL-I (Information Processing Language - I) was a list processing language designed to handle applications involving proving theorems in propositional calculus and playing chess. The first implemented version was IPL-II. This was implemented on the J0HNNIAC computer by the RAND Corporation (5). IPL-III was never implemented because of core storage space problems. IPL-IV was used in the field of artificial intelligence, but was replaced by IPL-V before documentation **was** finalized and the version implemented.

IPL-V is at a very low language level (almost assembly like) for a list processor. It requires a professional programmer to use it effectively. It has more than 200 primitive subroutines. Probably the most significant contributions made by the IPL family were that they set a groundwork for the design and development of future list processing languages and that they added to the technology of programming in general (5).

1 <sup>6</sup>(Bell Telephone Laboratories Low-Level Linked List Language) was developed in 1965 by Kenneth C. Knowlton (5). It, too, is a list processing language. The internal structure of L<sup>b</sup> is very different and more efficient than IPL-V. The use of  $L^b$ , its capabilities and restrictions do, however, resemble those of IPL-V.

In 1959, the Artificial Intelligence Group at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M. I. T.), under the direction of Professor John McCarthy, began work on the LISP programming system

.... designed to facilitate experiments with a proposed system called the Advice Taker, whereby a machine could be instructed to handle declarative as well as imperative sentences and could exhibit "common sense" in carrying out its instructions .... The main requirement was a programming system for manipulating sentences so that the Advice Taker system could make deductions.

In the course of its development the LISP system went through several stages of simplification and eventually came to be based on a scheme for representing the partial recursive functions of a class of symbolic expressions (2, p. 405).

LISP is ill suited for anything except general symbol manipulation and list processing. It is meant to be used only by experienced professional programmers. It depends heavily on the use of matching parentheses and is therefore an error-prone language. The LISP language is well adapted to applications that require large amounts of recursion (5).

The first of the string processing languages was COMIT. This system was developed at M. I. T. as a joint project of the Mechanical Translation Group of the Research Laboratory of Electronics and the Computation Center. The system was designed to provide the professional linguist with a computer aid to his research (5). It was intended that nonprofessional programmers be able to write programs in the COMIT language, i.e., the professional linguist himself. COMIT was the first programming system to provide an effective

means of searching for a given string pattern and then performing transformations in that string.

SNOBOL was developed by adding to COMIT, mainly in the areas of string naming and arithmetic capabilities. Work on SNOBOL was started in 1962 at Bell Telephone Laboratories. Later developments and improvements to the language eventually led to the creation of SNOBOL3 and later SNOBOL4.

Other less widely known list processing languages include:

- 1. TRAC (Text Reckoning and Compiling)
- 2, TREET
- 3. CLIP (Cornell List Processor)
- 4. CORAL (Class Oriented Ring Associative Language)
- 5. SPRINT
- 6. LOLITA (Language for the On-Line Investigation and Transformation of Abstractions)

There have been previous attempts to develop a set of primitive subroutines that, when called by a higher level language, provide the capability to do list and/or string processing. Perhaps the most widely known subroutine sets are SLIP and SAC-1. Since this thesis involves the development of another subroutine set that may be embedded in a high level language, i.e., FORTRAN, a more detailed discussion of SLIP and SAC-1 will be presented.

SLIP (Symmetric List Processor) is a descendant of at least four earlier list processors: (a) FLPL by Gelernter; (b) IPL-V by Newell; (c) Threaded Lists by Perlis; and (d) KLS by Weizenbaum (1).

The fundamental information module with which SLIP deals is a word pair. The first word of the pair is divided into an identification field, a left link field, and a right link field. The second word of the pair is used to contain data (3). A relatively complete set of subroutines and functions are provided by SLIP. This is possible in part by the fixed node structure of SLIP (word pair). The node structure has a distinct disadvantage for many applications ' in that the node size is fixed and unchangeable, space is required for two link fields even though one field may be sufficient and more than one node is required to store data that are more than one word long. The programmer who uses the SLIP subroutines has to become familiar with several functions and subroutines and in many cases design his application to be �ompatible with the processor rather than having the advantage of writing a list processing program to fit the application.

SAC-1 (System for Symbolic and Algebraic Calculations version 1) is a computer independent set of subroutines that are called from a FORTRAN main-line program. SAC-1 uses a relatively small number of simple "primitive subprograms written in an assembly language. The remainder of the SAC-1 list processing system consists of several subprograms written in FORTRAN, the majority of which rely on the

prewritten "primitives". SAC-1 is not an elaborate or extensive list processing system. It provides only the most basic and most essential list processing operations. The user is expected to augment the subprograms of SAC-1 with his own subprograms in order to develop a system that has the capabilities required of it. It should be noted, however, that these user-written subprograms can be written in the FORTRAN language, and thus the use of a lower level language can be avoided.

The node structure defined in SAC-1 is a fixed length group of cells that consist of the type field, the element field, the reference count field, and the successor field. The element field contains the data to be stored in the node (4). The SAC-1 node structure poses the same variable length restriction as does the SL1P node structure. The field lengths of a SAC-1 cell are defined and fixed at the time the "primitive" assembler subprograms are implemented at each installation. The list processing system described by this thesis (FLIP) is very similar in appearance to SAC-1 in that the basic concept of. the system is the addition of a small but powerful group of assembly language subroutines to the FORTRAN language. From these "primitive" subroutines a more powerful and more specialized list processing system can be constructed by use of FORTRAN programs and subroutines. SAC-1 has had many powerful FORTRAN subprograms added to it since its initial implementation. Integer arithmetic,

polynomial read and write, and polynomial manipulation routines are some examples.

FLIP is more versatile and flexible than SAC-1 in that the node structure is not fixed. The user may design a node structure consistent with the needs of his application by specifying the number of fields per node and the length (in bytes) of each field.

#### A FORTRAN LIST PROCESSOR (FLIP)

### Description

FLIP is a set of seven assembler language subprograms which may be called by a FORTRAN program. These seven subprograms enable a programmer to design and implement his own list processing language. The subprogram names are SETUP, IAVAIL, LINK, SLINK, GET, STASH, and ERASE. These seven names become reserved words in any program using the subprograms. In this discussion a list will consist of a set of nodes linked together by pointers, each node consisting of a pointer stored in the link field and any number of additional fields. The pointers will be referred to as link variables. The link variables may, at the option of the programmer, point forward or backward. Nodes may be added to the list at either end, thus providing the capability of creating a queued (first in, first out) or stacked (first in, last out) list. Node fields may be used to store additional link variables which will allow the creation of multiple linked lists.

Fields of any length up to 256 bytes may be defined in each node. The programmer has the capability of adding to, deleting from, or changing the sequence of his list at any time. Two or more lists may be combined to form a single list, and a list may be segmented into two or more

other lists. FLIP provides the capability of creating and processing compiler list structures as well as more elementary lists. An attempt was made to hold the·number of primitive subroutines to a minimum and make them easy to use by the non professional programmer.

A distinction must be made between commonly used FORTRAN variables, link variables, and field names. FORTRAN variables are: integer, real, subscripted, complex, double precision, etc. Link variables are variables whose values are restricted to addresses and must be of the integer full word type. Field names are used to uniquely identify each field within a node. They are actual FORTRAN variables and as such must be defined before any reference is made to them. Field name variables may be of either the real or integer type.

### Methodology

A list of nodes will be constructed in core and a corresponding control table will be developed to carry information needed to access the list. The list·will be referred to as the available list. From it the: programmer may take and/or return nodes as necessary during the·construction of his own list or lists. The available·list and control table will be created in an area of core storage reserved by the FORTRAN program. The core storage address of the available list must be available at all times during

the execution of the program. It therefore is stored as a four byte address constant beginning in byte 12 of the communication region in the Disk Operating System supervisor.

SETUP is the name of the subprogram that accepts the reserved core storage from the calling program and creates the available list and control table. SETUP must be invoked once and only once during the execution of the FORTRAN program. It is activated by CALL SETUP (argument list). SETUP creates each node in the available list in the format defined by the argument list and then links the list to form a stack. The calling sequence has the following form: CALL SETUP (vn, d, lfn, 2, fn<sub>1</sub>, 1<sub>1</sub>, fn<sub>2</sub>, 1<sub>2</sub>, ..., fn<sub>k</sub>, 1<sub>k</sub>) where vn is the variable name of a subscripted variable occurring in a preceding DIMENSION statement, d is an integer less than or equal to the number of full words in that array, lfn is the link field name the user chooses to use to identify the link field of each node, 2 is the number of bytes in the link field. Each fn<sub>i</sub>, i = 1, ..., K, is a unique field name of a field in the node, and  $l_i$ ,  $i = 1, ..., k$ , is the length, in bytes, of the field named by fn;. The lfn and integer 2 parameters are used only for documentation and to maintain consistency since the link field is always the first two bytes in each node.

The control table is created and stored in the first segment of the array vn. The format of the control table is alp,  $f_{1}$ ,  $l_{1}$ , ...,  $f_{nk}$ ,  $l_{k}$  where alp is the available

list pointer which is the link to the next available node,  $fn_i$ , i = 1, ..., k, are the field names as discussed above, and  $l_i$ , i = 1,..., k, are the corresponding field lengths in bytes. Each field name is four bytes in length and each field length is a two byte integer, thus the total length of the control table for a given FORTRAN program can be calculated as 6K + 2 where K is the number of fields per node and the constant 2 is the number of fields per node and the constant 2 is the number of bytes used for the available list pointer. The SETUP subprogram next creates a series of nodes and links them together to form the available list. The number of nodes that will be created is dependent upon the amount of core storage remaining in the array vn, and may be determined by the formula:

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2 +  $\overline{2}$  1<sub>i</sub>  
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All addresses are relative to the firs t byte of the control table which is stored as an address constant in the subroutine SETUP and is subsequently referred to by other primitive subroutines. Actual addresses are composed of the table address as a base and the two bytes relative address. This addressing method allows any location within 65,536 bytes of the beginning of the array vn to be accessed and requires only two bytes to store all address pointers.

As a result of activating the subroutine SETUP, an address constant is stored in a readily available location, a table is created that fully describes each node as defined by the calling program, and a list of nodes is made available for use by the calling program. The subroutine SETUP is 188 bytes in length.

A programmer may create his own list by obtaining nodes from the available list and linking them together. A link variable is returned as the value of the integer valued function IAVAIL. IAVAIL may be activated by a reference such as *NA =* IAVAIL(X). X is a dummy argument not used by the subprogram. The link variable returned is taken from the first two bytes of the control table. That link variable is then replaced by the link variable of the next node in the available list. This cycle is repeated each time **IAVAIL** is invoked. When the nodes in the available list have been exhausted, the value of IAVAIL becomes zero. The subprogram IAVAIL requires 40 bytes of core storage.

After a new node is obtained, it can be linked to another node or another node may be linked to it or both links may be made. The SLINK subroutine subprogram is used to perform this linkage. This subroutine stores the twobyte link variable of one node in the link field of another node. SLINK is activated by CALL SLINK (lv, n) where lv is a link variable that is stored in the node pointed to by n (n is thus a link variable also). If reverse linkage is

desired, the arguments lv and n would have to be written in the reverse order, i.e., CALL SLINK (n, lv). In the event a programmer is creating a double linked list, he must use SLINK for one way linkage and the subprogram STASH for the second linkage. STASH will be discussed later. By the repeated use of IAVAIL and SLINK a programmer can thus create a list consisting of as many nodes as is required. The subprogram SLINK requires 70 bytes of core storage.

LINK is an integer valued function subprogram activated by a call such as ID = LINK (lv). Its purpose<sub>,</sub> is to retrieve the value of the link field of the node pointed to by the link variable lv. The contents of the first two bytes of the node referenced by lv are passed back as the returned value. In this manner the list variable of the next sequential node is obtained. If the link variable of the node in sequence beyond the next node is desired, ID = LINK (LINK (lv)) may be invoked. This nesting is valid for as many levels as the IBM S/360 FORTRAN compiler permits. The subroutine LINK requires 48 bytes of core storage.

Data in any machine readable form may be stored in the fields of each node. The data are stored by field through the activation of the subroutine subprogram STASH, i.e., CALL STASH (lv, fn<sub>1</sub>, v<sub>1</sub>, fn<sub>2</sub>, v<sub>2</sub>, ..., fn<sub>k</sub>, v<sub>k</sub>) where lv is a link variable pointing to the receiving node,  $fn_i$ , i = 1, ... , k, are the field names of the receiving fields, and  $v_i$ ,  $i = 1, ..., k$ , are the values to be stored. "v" may

be any valid FORTRAN variable, subscripted or unsubscripted. Data are transferred beginning with the first byte in v. The number of bytes transferred is equal to the value of the length field of fn found in the control table. The subroutine STASH requires 148 bytes of core storage.

Data stored in a field by the STASH subroutine may be retrieved by the GET subroutine subprogram. It is activated by CALL GET (1v, fn<sub>1</sub>, v<sub>1</sub>, fn<sub>2</sub>, v<sub>2</sub>, ..., fn<sub>k</sub>, v<sub>k</sub>) where lv is a link variable pointing to the node containing the desired information,  $fn_i$ ,  $i = 1, ..., k$ , are the field names of the fields containing the desired information, and  $v_i$ , i = 1, ... , k, are the variables capable of receiving the retrieved information. "v" can be a subscripted or unsubscripted variable. Data are transferred to v for a length equal to the value of the length field of fn as stored in the control table. If the length of v exceeds the length of fn, information is stored left justified in v. All data transferred by the GET and STASH subprograms are processed without regard to mode. It is therefore imperative that the user assure himself that real variables are used to receive real values and integer variables are used to receive integer values or use some other means to preserve mode compatability. The subroutine GET requires 132 bytes of core storage.

Nodes that are no longer of any value to a particular list may be returned to the available list by means of the subroutine subprogram ERASE. This subroutine maintains a

current list of available space, By using ERASE, the problem programmer prevents the accumulation of non active core storage and thus precludes the necessity of the commonly known function called garbage collection. Since the number of nodes available at any given time is limited, it may be important to return any nodes as soon as their purpose has been served. ERASE is activated by CALL ERASE (lv). It returns the node pointed to by the list variable lv to the top of the available list. This node then becomes the next available node and the former first node of the available list linked to it. The contents of returned nodes are not changed, with the exception of the link fields in each node. The subroutine ERASE requires 60 bytes of core storage.

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APPENDIXES

# Appendix A

# Subroutine SETUP

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# Subroutine IAVAIL

The following is a source statement listing of Subroutine IAVAIL.



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# Subroutine SLINK

The following is a source statement listing of Subroutine SLINK.



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# Appendix D

# Subroutine LINK

The following is a source statement listing of Subroutine LINK.



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### Subroutine STASH

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# Subroutine ERASE

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#### Appendix H

#### Sample Problems

Three sample programs have been written to demonstrate the use of the seven FLIP subroutines. The first is the multiplication of two polynomials. The input is one header card followed by one or more coefficient and exponent cards for each polynomial. The header card contains the variable and the number of terms in the polynomial. The format for the header card is:



The second sample is the division of two polynomials. The input data format is the same as in the above sample with the dividend taken to be the first polynomial and the divisor taken to be the second.

The third sample will read in and create a list of names, social security numbers, birth years, high school codes, and the sex of a given group of people. A sort

will then be done on social security number and the list printed out in sequence by social security number. It should be noted that the only data movement will be that of the social security numbers and their corresponding list variables.

The format for the data is:

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LVW3=LINK(LVW3)  $LVM2 = LVM3$ GO TO 5 7 DO 8 1=1,IN LVWL=LINK(LVWRK) CALL ERASE(LVWRK) 8 LVWRK=LVWL CALL ERASE(LVWL) RETURN END

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SUBROUTINE CELLAD (LV1,LV2,NTERMS,COEF) 
LVV1=LV1 
LVV2=LV2 
I=11 CALL GET(LVV1,COEF,C1) 
CALL GET(LVV2,COEF,C2) 
C2 = C2 + C1CALL STASH(LVV2,COEF,C2) 
IF(I .EQ. 2*NTERMS-1) RETURN
I = I + 1LVV1=LINK(LVV1) 
LVV2=LINK(LVV2) 
GO TO 1 
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